

## Pharmacy Co-Payment Change

Effective **June 16, 2005**, South Dakota Medical Assistance implemented a new co-payment policy for Medicaid clients. The co-payment on prescriptions for brand name drugs will be increased from **\$2.00 to \$3.00**. There will be **\$0 (zero) co-payment** on prescriptions for generic drugs or covered over-the-counter drugs.

This initiative is designed to encourage the increased use of generic drugs by your Medicaid patients. If these patients have questions about the change please explain the situation to them. When possible, please recommend generic substitutions that will offer savings to both the patient and the State of South Dakota.

South Dakota Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program appreciates your assistance in this matter. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact our office at 1-800-452-7691 for in-state providers and out-of-state providers may call 605-773-3495.